

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Dee Brown, on February 11, 2015 at 3:12 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)  
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Sen. Sue Malek (D)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 220, 2/5/2015; SB 246, 2/5/2015

Executive Action: SB 198 Be Tabled; SB 195 Be Tabled; SB 169 Do Pass as Amended;  
SB 121 Be Tabled; SB 73 Be Tabled

**HEARING ON SB 220**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:52 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 220, Repeal the electronic government advisory board and transfer duties.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:22 Ron Baldwin, chief information officer, Department of Administration (DOA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:36 Chair Brown  
00:09:35 Sen. Kaufman  
00:10:03 Chair Brown  
00:10:31 Mr. Baldwin, DOA  
00:11:01 Chair Brown  
00:11:36 Mr. Baldwin

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:11:57 Sen. Kaufman

**HEARING ON SB 246**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:12:50 Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 246, Revise laws restricting use of sick leave & vacation time.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:16:06 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Retirement Association (MPEA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:17:30 Anjenette, Schafer, Department of Administration (DOA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:01 Sen. Kary  
00:18:24 Ms. Schafer, DOA

00:20:06 Sen. Kary  
 00:20:14 Ms. Schafer  
 00:20:33 Sen. Hinkle  
 00:21:01 Ms. Schafer  
 00:21:19 Sen. Hinkle  
 00:21:38 Ms. Schafer  
 00:22:05 Marjorie Thomas, attorney, Department of Administration  
 00:23:18 Chair Brown  
 00:24:19 Ms. Schafer  
 00:25:04 Chair Brown  
 00:25:34 Ms. Schafer  
 00:26:25 Chair Brown  
 00:26:53 Mr. Schneider, MPEA  
 00:27:52 Chair Brown  
 00:28:14 Mr. Schneider  
 00:28:34 Sen. Driscoll  
 00:29:04 Ms. Schafer  
 00:29:16 Sen. Driscoll  
 00:29:18 Ms. Schafer  
 00:29:32 Chair Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:30:00 Sen. Pomnichowski  
 00:31:34 Chair Brown  
 00:33:06 Recess  
 00:47:58 Reconvene  
 Sen. Webb left the hearing.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 198**

00:48:21 **Motion:** Sen. Driscoll moved that **SB 198 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:48:36 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
 00:49:57 Sen. Malek  
 00:50:55 Sen. Driscoll  
 00:51:21 Sen. Hinkle  
 00:53:02 Sen. Malek  
 00:53:32 Chair Brown  
 00:53:40 Anjenette Schafer, Department of Administration (DOA)  
 00:53:58 Sen. Malek  
 00:54:36 Ms. Schafer, DOA

00:55:02 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Driscoll, Sen. Malek and Sen. Whitford voting aye. Sen. Webb voted by proxy.

00:55:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 198 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Driscoll, Sen. Malek and Sen. Whitford voting no. Sen. Webb voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 195**

00:56:54 **Motion:** Sen. Driscoll moved that **SB 195 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

00:57:25 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
 00:57:46 Sen. Hinkle  
 00:58:42 Chair Brown  
 00:59:01 Ms. Weiss, LSD  
 00:59:17 Sen. Malek  
 00:59:27 Chair Brown  
 00:59:36 Sen. Malek  
 01:00:09 Sen. Hinkle  
 01:00:29 Chair Brown  
 01:00:50 Ms. Weiss

01:01:30 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Driscoll, Sen. Malek and Sen. Whitford voting aye. Sen. Webb voted by proxy.

01:02:03 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 195 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Driscoll, Sen. Malek and Sen. Whitford voting no. Sen. Webb voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 169**

01:02:45 **Motion:** Sen. Driscoll moved that **SB 169 DO PASS**.

01:03:06 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 169 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(sts31a01\)](#)

**Discussion:**

01:05:50 Sen. Malek  
 01:07:11 Chair Brown  
 01:07:55 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
 01:09:39 Chair Brown  
 01:11:04 Sen. Malek  
 01:12:31 Chair Brown  
 01:13:29 Ms. Weiss, LSD  
 01:14:25 Sen. Malek  
 01:15:24 Chair Brown

01:15:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Malek voting no. Sen. Webb voted by proxy.

01:16:22      **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 169 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

01:16:33      **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 169 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(sts31a02)

**Discussion:**

01:17:02      Chair Brown  
01:18:45      Sen. Driscoll  
01:19:30      Chair Brown

01:19:54      **Vote:** Motion carried 5-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Driscoll and Sen. Whitford voting no. Sen. Webb voted by proxy.

01:20:40      **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 169 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Driscoll voting no. Sen. Webb voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 121**

01:21:39      **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 121 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Webb voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 73**

01:22:28      **Motion:** Sen. Driscoll moved that **SB 73 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:22:42      Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
01:24:10      Chair Brown  
01:24:18      Ms. Weiss  
01:24:52      Sen. Kary  
01:24:58      Chair Brown  
01:25:33      Sen. Malek  
01:26:56      Chair Brown

01:27:51      **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Webb voted by proxy.

01:28:22      **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 73 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Webb voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:42 p.m.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sts31aad.pdf](#))